

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2014

MEETING was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Vice-President of Council Dr. Gary L. Smith presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. David T. Aloe, Mrs. Carrie A. Duffield, Mr. Ivan T. Hofmann, Mr. Gregory J. Marlovits, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mayor Wayne T. Murphy, Borough Manager Martin C. McDaniel, and Mr. Brock E. McCandless, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on February 18, 2014 were presented to Council. After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Hofmann, seconded by Mr. Aloe that the February 18, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes be amended and approved as presented was unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of February 2014 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

INVESTMENT REPORT as of March 18, 2014 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of February 2014 was presented to Council. After some review, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of March 2014 in the amount of \$167,867.09 and a voucher be drawn on the Schedule Expenditures Account in the amount of \$2,079.38 were presented to Council as per the following lists.

General Account

Scheduled Expenditures Account

1714	Lennon, Smith & Souleret Engineering Inv. 201400338, 201400341, 201400342	Engineering/Construction Related Expenses- 2014 Roadway Improvement Program, Misc. Tasks Sewickley Academy Event Center Plans	\$ 2,079.38
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Such bills were reviewed by Council and the motion of Mr. Aloe, seconded by Mr. Wilson that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$167,867.09 and a voucher be drawn on the Schedule Expenditures Account in the amount of \$2,079.38, was unanimously carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of February 2014 was presented to Council. Jordan Tax Service reported collecting 2013 Borough Real Estate Taxes in the amount of \$4,184.75 for

February 2014. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of February 2014 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$1,129.65 to the Borough for February 2014. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of February 2014 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed. Corporal John Burlett reported that Edgeworth as well as all area Police Departments were recently audited by the State Police. There are confidential criminal records and reports in the Police Department on the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN). There are new security access measures that have been recently put into effect prohibiting unescorted access to those who have not been fingerprinted and had a criminal background check every two years. Corp. Burlett said this was currently underway. The State Police audit made note of a problem with unescorted building cleaners. The Manager reported that he had made arrangements with one of the Police Dispatchers, Doug Silk, who has security clearance to clean the Police Department during his off hours. Mr. McDaniel said the present building cleaning contractor's workload and compensation would be reduced and Mr. Silk would be paid at the same rate and it would not cost any additional. Corp. Burlett also reported that a controlled access door entry system needs to be installed in the Police Department. Mr. Aloe, chair of the Police Committee, agreed that the security of the Police Department needed to be upgraded. Mr. McDaniel said he had several proposals from security vendors. This matter was referred to the Property Committee for review and recommendation.

FIRE REPORT for the month of February 2014 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of February 2014 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed. Council, Mayor and Manager commended the Public Works Department for their tireless efforts this winter in keeping our roads cleared of ice and snow.

BUILDING PERMIT and ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of February 2014 were presented to Council. After review and discussion, these reports were ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of January 2014 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Edgeworth Municipal Authority Board Minutes for February 11, 2014 were presented to Council for review. The minutes were received and filed.
- Correspondence was received from Richard Tucker, 217 Edgeworth Lane, regarding trees on private property classified as "high risk" of failure. Mr. Tucker will be notified that it has been determined that Council has the authority to act in the event of a refusal to remove hazardous tree(s) in the public right-of-way and to share knowledge of hazardous tree(s) on private property with the resident. The letter for a high risk classification will recommend that the property owner remove or

mitigate a tree(s) on private property to reduce the safety risk and will reference Ordinance No. 423, which is in the Borough Office for review.

- Correspondence was received from Dolores Bassett, 432 Oliver Road regarding her intent to remove three pin oak trees in the public ROW regardless of the decision of the Shade Tree Commission not to allow this. The Borough Council's intention is to enforce our tree ordinance and asked the Police Department to monitor the situation and stop any trees from being removed illegally.
- Correspondence was received from Mr. & Mrs. John Keller, Church Lane regarding their concern about the appearance of two houses located at 311 and 315 Church Lane next to their property which have been vacant for years. Mr. McDaniel stated that the Allegheny County Health Department will be asked to do an inspection but there appears to be no major health or safety problem – it is mainly unsightly and unkempt. A new lawn maintenance contractor is going to be employed which may result in more frequent grass cutting, hedge trimming and leaf and snow removal.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS. Dr. Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The following visitors were present:

Kolia O'Connor, Head of School - Sewickley Academy
James Martin, Gateway Engineers, engineers for Sewickley Academy
Jonathan Glance, Glance & Associates – architects for Sewickley Academy

NEW BUSINESS:

PRELIMINARY AND FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN - SEWICKLEY ACADEMY EVENTS

CENTER. Sewickley Academy proposed construction of a new events center on campus to replace the existing gym. The plan has been reviewed by the Planning Commission. Chairman of the Planning Commission, Mario Peluso, by letter of March 11, 2014, indicated that the Planning Commission recommends approval subject to required engineering submittals and zoning variances. Kolia O'Connor presented the plans in detail. There were questions and discussion of the overall mass and height of the building. The proposed building height is 45 feet and the maximum allowed in the R-2 Zoning District is 35 feet. A variance would be required. Council requested a comprehensive landscaping plan and a staking out of the building footprint to determine the impact on existing vegetation. There would also be another zoning variance needed for maximum impervious surface. The matter was tabled until this information could be submitted, possibly prior to the April Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Dr. Smith requested Council go into Executive Session in regard to receiving legal advice on personnel matters at 9:20 p.m. Dr. Smith stated that Council would reconvene into open public session immediately after the Executive Session had concluded this evening.

Council re-convened into open, public session at 9:50 PM.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to adopt the following Resolution, seconded by Mr. Aloe:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-1

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH
AUTHORIZING THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE GENERAL OFFICES**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Edgeworth (the "Borough") wishes to restructure its general offices and execute agreements in connection therewith.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Edgeworth as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Council approves the restructuring of the general offices of the Borough; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Borough hereby approves an Agreement with Bookminders, in the form and as presented at this meeting, and directs the President or Vice President of Council execute the Agreement, subject to review and approval of the Manager and Solicitor; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Borough Manager and the proper officers of the Borough are authorized to do all things necessary or appropriate to implement the restructuring Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, including execution of any other documents that are ancillary to or contemplated by the restructuring.

THE ABOVE IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Edgeworth on the 18th day of March 2014.

There being no further discussion, the motion was adopted by a unanimous vote.

On a motion by Mr. Hofmann, second by Mr. Aloe, Borough Manager Martin McDaniel was appointed to the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Borough. All voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Martin C. McDaniel
Borough Manager/Secretary